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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design nonprovisional patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: **Akihiro SANO, et al.**

☐ See Inventor Information Sheet attached

For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MOUNTING CELL**

☐ This is a new patent application.

☐ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.

☒ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application

☒ Divisional Application

☐ Continuation-in-Part Application

of prior Application Serial No. **09/212,964**.

☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-6, 13 and 14 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This is a ☐ Continuation, ☒ Division, ☐ Continuation-in-part, of Application Serial No. **09/212,964** filed December 16, 1998, now Allowed. --

☒ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING:		
X	3	Sheets of drawings (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> formal <input type="checkbox"/> informal size A4).
X	18	Pages of specification including abstract and claims.
X	21	Total pages.
X	Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney	
		Newly executed
	X	Copy from prior application
		Inventors deleted; see attached statement
	Sequence Listing	
		Computer Readable Copy
		Paper copy
		Statement verifying identity of above copies
X	Return Receipt Postcard	
X	Preliminary Amendment	
X	Assignment to: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.	
	X	Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. <u>09/212,964</u> .
		Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
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	Information Disclosure Citation	
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PRIORITY CLAIMS		
	Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.	
X	<p>Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below:</p> <p>Japan Patent Appln. No. 9-353297, filed December 22, 1997, Priority Claimed Japan Patent Appln. No. 10-159077, filed June 8, 1998, Priority Claimed Japan Patent Appln. No. 10-312903, filed November 4, 1998, Priority Claimed</p> <p>of which certified copies thereof</p>	
		will follow
		are enclosed
		have been filed in the International Bureau
	X	were filed in prior application: 09/212,964

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[] Base Fee - PCT IPEA-US	---			\$710	
[] Base Fee - PCT ISA-US	---			\$740	
[] Base Fee - PCT not ISA or IPEA	---			\$1,040	
[] Base Fee - PCT with EPO or JPO Search Report	---			\$890	
[] Base Fee - Design	---			\$330	
Claim Fees	Number Filed	Base Number	Number Extra over Base	---	
Total Claims	6	20	0	\$18	\$0
Independent Claims	1	3	0	\$84	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	---			\$280	\$0
[] Small Entity Status is Asserted	---				(\$0)
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